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LETTER DATED 24 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace as indicated hereafter:

I.1. During the 24 hours between the evening of 22 May 1991 and the evening of 23 May 1991, United States aircraft operating in Iraqi airspace carried out a total of 46 sorties, 21 sorties in 2-aircraft formations and 4 solo sorties. The aircraft flew at speeds of 600-850 km/h at medium and low altitudes.

2. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Mosul, Dohuk and Tall'afar, and had a twofold mission: reconnaissance and provocation.

II.1. During the period between the evening of 23 May 1991 and the evening of 24 May 1991, United States aircraft operating in Iraqi airspace carried out a total of 22 sorties, 8 sorties in 2-aircraft formations, 1 sortie in a 3-aircraft formation, and 3 solo sorties. They flew at speeds of 700-900 km/h at medium altitudes.

2. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Mosul, Dohuk and Tall'afar, and to the north of Arbil, and had a twofold mission: reconnaissance and provocation.

III.1. During the period between the evening of 24 May 1991 and the evening of 25 May 1991, United States aircraft operating in Iraqi airspace carried out a total of 6 sorties. They came from Turkish airspace.

2. The aircraft flew at speeds of 700-850 km/h at altitudes of 5,000-6,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Arbil and Rawanduz, and had a twofold mission: reconnaissance and provocation.



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IV.1. During the period between the evening of 26 May 1991 and the evening of 27 May 1991, United States aircraft operating in Iraqi airspace carried out a total of 9 sorties, 4 sorties in 2-aircraft formations, and 1 solo sortie. They all came from Turkish airspace.

2. The aircraft flew at speeds of 700-800 km/h at an altitude of 4,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Arbil, Dohuk, Mosul and Al-Qiyara, and had a twofold mission: reconnaissance and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Abdul Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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